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POLAND: More Demonstrations Planned

*Strikes and demonstrations called for this weekend and later in the month may lead to more violence.*

[REDACTED] Solidarity activists are circulating leaflets calling for demonstrations in Warsaw and other cities tomorrow, the Soviet anniversary of V-E Day. Other leaflets call for a 15-minute nationwide strike on Thursday and a general strike on 25 May. Party officials are working hard to prevent these demonstrations.

[REDACTED] increased police presence but mostly normal military activity in the Warsaw area. [REDACTED] additional 1,500 troops and increased numbers of tanks and vehicles in one garrison but suggested that the soldiers were engaged in preparations for a V-E Day parade.

[REDACTED] visiting Gdansk and Szczecin described the cities as "armed camps," patrolled by police in riot gear and soldiers with bared bayonets.

Comment: With the turnout at the demonstrations this week as a warning, the regime is justifiably concerned about popular response to Solidarity's calls for open opposition, and party and security officials will be under pressure to prevent demonstrations. The regime is likely to use force in dealing with the demonstrators, which could lead to clashes similar to those earlier this week in Warsaw and other cities.

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Military activity elsewhere appears normal. The military is nonetheless prepared to respond quickly should the need arise.

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